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Christians have treasured their stories of martyrdom and developed the cult of martyrs. Still, they were ignorant of the continuous Jewish literature, rooted already in the biblical responses to the Exile and to persecution in the Maccabean period, and continuing into the present day with its own unique cry of agony and desperation. Christians or at least Gentiles have often been the torturers. An alternate religious response, keenly echoing biblical laments, is available to Christians in these pages and ought to be heard wherever justice, martyrdom, and desperation wrestle with God.